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Applicant(s): Hammond et al.

Invention: METHODS FOR PRODUCING NUCLEIC ACIDS LACKING 3'-UNTRANSLATED REGIONS AND OPTIMIZING CELLULAR RNA-PROTEIN FUSION FORMATION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 12, 2005, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.